
Small Group Discussion Topics

Green Building Task Force

December 2, 2008

Continuous Monitoring & Disclosure of Building Performance

- Is monitoring and disclosure a priority for all buildings sectors (SF, MF & Non-Res)?
 - Should expectations for performance disclosure be different for newly completed vs. existing buildings?
 - What is the most appropriate tool/standard for measuring performance (in each sector)?
 - Who should have access to monitoring data & how should information be disclosed?
 - Should monitoring focus on occupant behavior or building performance (or both)?
-

Beyond Individual Buildings: District Energy / Waste Heat

- What role should the City play in facilitating, incentivizing, constructing or operating these systems?
 - Should City mandates or incentives consider the source of energy rather than on-site consumption levels when setting efficiency targets?
 - What are the appropriate next steps for assessing the viability of thermal solutions?
-

Addressing Occupant Behavior / Plug Load

- Should occupant behavior be addressed separately from (or in conjunction with) building envelope?
 - What are the best policy options for addressing occupant behavior?
 - Is it more critical to provide information, incentives or price signals?
 - How effective is “peer pressure” in eliciting behavior change?
 - How could existing City programs (e.g. Climate Action Now!, City Light conservation programs) be exploited to address conservation behavior?
-

Voluntary versus Mandatory Approaches

- Can a voluntary approach meet the Mayor's 20% efficiency goal?
 - Which policy elements, if any, should be mandatory for new and existing buildings?
 - How could we best measure whether voluntary components are successful?
 - If phasing is considered, at what point should mandatory measures replace (or reinforce) voluntary policies?
-

Prioritizing Incentive Dollars: Existing versus New Construction

- Should there be a need to prioritize scarce resources, how should the City approach this decision?
 - Are incentives for new construction more critical than those for upgrades to existing buildings?
 - Are there particular sectors or classes of buildings that should receive priority for funding?
-

Financing Options, Revenue Sources and Repayment Considerations

- Should the City be in the business of financing efficiency, or should this be a private sector function?
 - Of the two options considered for repayment of funds (on-bill financing, property tax assessment, lien on property), which makes the most sense for the residential sector? Non-res?
 - Is there a funding source or repayment mechanism the City has not considered that should be on the table?
 - Are you aware of private sources of capital that the City should pursue in support of this initiative?
-